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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: UN, RQ

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF 24 CONSIDERATION OF PUERTO RICO

1. THE UN SUBCOMMITTEE ON DECOLONIZATION (COMMITTEE OF 24) IS SCHEDULED TO TAKE UP THE QUESTION OF PUERTO RICO DURING THE WEEK BEGINNING AUGUST 30. ADDRESSEE WILL RECALL THAT COMMITTEE OF 24 IS GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE REPORTING DIRECTLY TO UNGA. COMMITTEE ADOPTS RESOLUTIONS OF ITS OWN WHICH FORM PART OF COMMITTEE'S REPORT TO UNGA. A C-24 RESOLUTION THUS HAS INDEPENDENT STANDING AS STATEMENT BY UN BODY ON SUBJECT CONCERNED. USG OBJECTIVE THEREFORE IS TO AVOID OR DEFEAT SUCH A RESOLUTION ON PUERTO RICO. LAST YEAR CONGO, CUBA, IRAQ, MALI, AND SYRIA COSPONSORED A PROPOSED C-24 RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD HAVE, INTER ALIA RECOGNIZED "THE NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT" OF PUERTO RICO AS REPRESENTING THE LEGITIMATE ASPIRATIONS OF THE PUERTO RICAN PEOPLE. THE COMMITTEE VOTED 12 TO 9 (WITH 2 ABSTAINING AND ONE NOT PARTICIPATING) TO DEFER A VOTE ON THE RESOLUTION UNTIL 1976. IT IS UNCLEAR WHETHER THE COMMITTEE WILL VOTE ON A RESOLUTION THIS YEAR, OR IF THE COMMITTEE WILL ONCE AGAIN VOTE TO DEFER VOTING ON A RESOLUTION. IN EITHER EVENT, THE TIME IS RAPIDLY APPROACHING WHEN EACH MEMBER COUNTRY WILL HAVE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN

SUPPORTING OR OPPOSING AN INTERFERENCE IN US DOMESTIC AFFAIRS WHOSE SERIOUSNESS WE HAVE ALREADY EMPHASIZED.

2. UNLESS ACTION EMBASSIES ARE CONVINCED THAT DEMARCHE WILL BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE, THEY SHOULD APPROACH FOREIGN MINISTRIES AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL, REMINDING THEM OF PREVIOUS PRESENTATION OF US VIEWS ON PUERTO RICO AND INFORMING THEM THAT C-24 ACTION IS NOW IMMINENT. EMBASSIES SHOULD POINT OUT THAT WE KNOW THE FOREIGN MINISTRY UNDERSTANDS THE SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH WE VIEW THIS MATTER AND REQUEST, AS THE SITUATION MAY DEVELOP, EITHER SUPPORT IN DEFEATING ANY COMMITTEE RESOLUTION ON PUERTO RICO, OR

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SUPPORT FOR A MOTION TO POSTPONE A VOTE ON A SUBSTANTIVE RESOLUTION UNTIL NEXT YEAR. WHEN APPROPRIATE, EMBASSIES SHOULD ACKNOWLEDGE PREVIOUS COMMITMENTS BY FOREIGN MINISTRY TO SUPPORT USG POSITION AND INDICATE THAT WE ARE SIMPLY KEEPING THEM INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS. IN ORDER TO ALLOW TIME FOR USUN TO COMPLETE OFFICIAL APPROACHES IN NEW YORK AND FOR END OF NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE, EMBASSIES SHOULD TRY TO SCHEDULE DEMARCHE FOR AUGUST 23 TO 24.

3. FOR USUN: WE RECOGNIZE IMPRACTICALITY OF MAKING NECESSARY CONTACT AT THE PERMREP LEVEL IN THE REMAINING TIME, BUT EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO OFFICIALLY CONTACT MEMBERS OF DELEGATIONS PRIOR TO AUGUST 20 IN ORDER TO REAFFIRM US POSITION AND REQUEST SUPPORT IN AVOIDING ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION. WE RECOMMEND APPROACH TO CHINESE PERMREP IN WHICH ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO CHINA'S NON-PARTICIPATION LAST YEAR IN C-24 CONSIDERATION OF PR AND THE HOPE EXPRESSED THAT THE ROLE OF CHINA WILL BE NO LESS FAVORABLE THIS YEAR.

4. FOR DAMASCUS: BID TO SYRIANS SHOULD BE IN TERMS OF SUPPORT FOR POSTPONEMENT. BASED ON PREVIOUS READINGS, THEY WOULD BE UNLIKELY TO CHANGE POSITION ON SUBSTANCE BUT, IF PRESSED EFFECTIVELY FOR SUPPORT OF POSTPONEMENT MIGHT CONCEIVABLY ABSTAIN ON SUCH A VOTE, WHICH WOULD BE AN IMPROVEMENT ON LAST YEAR. KISSINGER

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